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the Excise chowkey or in some other place and the building used for the school. In view to stir up the people to realize the value of education and to induce them to send all their children to school, he requested that some fee concessions should also be allowed, at least for some time.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

128. The need for more Government Schools in the taluks of Mooyattupuzha, Thodupuzha and Kunnathnad.

Mr. Tharayathu Kunji Thommen (Member, Moovattupuzha taluk), said that the taluks of Moovattupuzha, Thodupuzha and Kunnathnad were the most backward of all the taluks of the State in point of education. The population of the three taluks amounted to nearly 3 lakhs but there were not even three graduates among them. The educational needs of those taluks were not properly attended to by the Government. He therefore proposed that Lower Grade Secondary Schools, at the rate of one for every 50,000 people, Higher Grade Elementary Schools at the rate of one for every 20,000 people, and Lower Grade Elementary Schools at the rate of one per 100 houses, should be started by the Government at an early date. The want of a sufficient number of pupils in some of the schools in the beginning should not cause the abolition of the schools; but if schools be opened, boys would be coming in, and men like himself would be ready to work for it. The Member also prayed that the Government should not throw upon the inhabitants of those taluks the entire responsibility of finding their buildings for all Lower Grade Elementary Schools, as in other parts of the State. He laid special stress on the urgent need for the immediate opening of a Lower Grade Secondary School for the northern half of the Moovattupuzha taluk. He also requested that, as an incentive to education, some fee concessions might be allowed to the schools in the three taluks, at least for a specified period of years, and when the people took to education readily, the concession might be gradually withdrawn.

Dewan's reply.—Noted. The needs of the three taluks are receiving attention. It will not be possible to have a special rate of fees for these schools.

129. The necessity for establishing a Lower Grade Secondary School at Perumbavur.

Mr. Govindan Govindan (Member, Kunnathnad taluk) observed that, of the total population of 1,18,000 in the taluk, 29,000 were children. The proportion of literacy to the total population was three-fourths in 1,000. Kunnathnad was one of the few taluks which had no English school. The Director of Public Instruction, while he recently visited the taluk, expressed himself in favour of opening a Lower Grade Secondary School at Perumbavur. He requested that the Government might be pleased to sanction the school without delay. The people would undertake to find the building for the school.

Dewan's reply.—A school will soon be started at Perumbavur. The matter is under correspondence.

130. The need for a Higher Grade Secondary School at Alwaye.

Mr. M. Kunju Khadir Pillai (Member, Nominated) said that the rapidly rising importance of the town of Alwaye, its daily increasing population, easy access to it by means of boat, cart and the rail, and the proverbial healthiness of the

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